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For: SURFACE MODIFICATION METHOD OF INORGANIC OXIDE POWDER, POWDER
PRODUCED BY THE METHOD AND USE OF THE POWDER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby
notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached
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material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following:
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filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three
months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the
merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes

prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of Communications from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Official Notice from the Japanese Patent Office dated January 8, 2008 in Japanese Application No. 2003-16402, advising that an Information Submission had been submitted by an anonymous party, and the Information Submission), together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communication (Information Submission) indicating the relevance found by the anonymous party.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English-language abstracts are being submitted for JP 03-259961, JP 63-248712 and JP 02-199013. These abstracts constitute a further concise statement of relevance for JP 03-259961, JP 63-248712 and JP 02-199013.

In addition, English-language abstracts and computer translations are being submitted for JP 10-263380, JP 2001-146413 and JP 2001-106521. These abstracts and translations constitute a further concise statement of relevance for JP 10-263380, JP 2001-146413 and JP 2001-106521.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not

waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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